

READY TO BE GOOD

Mound Commissioners
Will Come to Decatur if
Given a Chance

COMMITTEE IS DISCHARGED

Frankshaw Appointed Mine Inspect-
or in Decatur for the Final
Year by the Board.

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Central
Illinois' Greatest
Store.

GREAT SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

This long anticipated event is one to which Decatur shoppers have looked forward as regularly as the Fourth of July, and twice each year they turn out to a feast of bargains such as can be obtained nowhere else in Central Illinois. Our semi-annual inventory is taken August 1, and this sale is for the purpose of clearing out in every department all our surplus stock—such as muscled and soiled goods, broken, line discontinued numbers, odd lots and remnants. That we may not be compelled to carry any of these broken lines over the inventory into the next year, we will sacrifice thousands of dollars' worth of reasonable, reliable goods at very much below former prices, and in many cases at considerably below the original cost. Many persons regularly take advantage of these great sales and buy in supplies for the succeeding season. We especially desire that our out of town patrons should have the same advantage in these sales that have so long been enjoyed by our city customers, and that such may be the case, we will commence the sale promptly at

8 O'CLOCK A. M., MONDAY, JULY 15.

Sale will continue at prices quoted up to and including Wednesday, July 31. We will cheerfully send samples of goods advertised below as long as we have them in stock, but purchasers so ordering them should remember that the lines are generally small and the demand great, consequently, we cannot guarantee to fill the order, but will do so if possible. Refusals to sample sent out should be prompt, and if possible, a second choice should be made. By far the best plan is to make a personal visit to the store, where you have the advantage of a personal inspection and can see how the goods will make up as a whole.

Hosiery and Underwear.

For Ladies and Children. A magnificent line of best values at prices which speak for themselves. Ladies' fancy striped and lace hose, in handsome colors, worth regularly 25c, 50c per pair, now 12c. Ladies' extra-extra fine hose in blue and cotton, color, worth 25c, 50c per pair, now 12c. Ladies' fancy polka dot and figured hose, worth 25c, 50c per pair, now 12c. Ladies' plain tan hose in cotton and silk, worth 35c and 50c, 1 pair, now 12c. Ladies' extra-extra fine hose in fast colors, per pair, now 15c. Children's black cotton hose, 1st and 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 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The democratic campaigners are now circulating the third party idea but in 1904 they will be twisting off supporter buttons to swallow third party platform and a great variety of political cranks.

Either John Connors or George Pumpkin ought to be available as candidates for the vice-presidency. Either would stand a better show of carrying the west than Adlai Stevenson, who is rated as a simple agriculturalist.

The Boston Transcript advises the people not to tarry long at the ice water tank and pay little attention to the state of the thermometer. This is probably good advice, but it is difficult to heed as it is to keep a New Year's pledge.

For the first time since the Franco-Prussian war, 31 years ago, the French and the German flags have been twisted together, but it required an automobile race between French and German competitors from Paris to Berlin to bring about this evidence of a buried feud.

The statesmen of Virginia are endeavoring to frame a constitution that will disfranchise thousands of her citizens, but when one considers that men sit in the hot sun and crush stone to repair the pikes for 75 cents a day there is no wonder the old mother of presidents raises such a stink.

The exports of the United States are three-quarters of a billion dollars larger than they were in 1905, one year before McKinley was elected, and yet the democrats are promising in face of their record under Cleveland to cause an increase of given power again. They could not if they would.

It seems that the possibility of an old-fashioned Fourth of July has passed in Decatur. The chances are, however, that if it were undertaken in time and a speaker of national reputation were engaged that such celebration might be made a success and beneficial to the city.

An American has just paid \$100,000 for the Prince Edward of York diamond in London. This is regarded as one of the most perfect diamonds which has ever appeared in London, but the chances are the buyer would not be rated as one of the most perfect Americans. The purchase only means he had the money.

A medical writer contends that a person's body is his most valuable property and often gets the worst treatment of all belongings. "Let a man once get the idea," he says, "of classing his body along with the rest of his possessions and it is only reasonable to suppose that he will at least take as good care of it as he does of his coat, his hat, his horse or his dog."

Within 10 feet of the city hall steps in New York is the big ditch opened for the construction of a terminal station of the new underground railway. The excavation is over 60 feet wide, and so deep that the workmen below can hardly be seen. One of the remarkable features of the tunnel is that the contractors expect to finish considerably ahead of time.

On the smaller railroads which cross the blue into states where the law requires "Jim Crow" cars a folding screen is set dividing the rear car so as to provide space for negroes in the back of the car. The screen bears the words "For Negroes on one side of the screen and the words 'For Whites' on the other side. It is not known whether such legislation has had any effect in the 'New Jerusalem or in 'Sheol.'

The people of Japan will on the 14th of this month celebrate the first arrival of Commodore Perry, who landed at Yokohama on that day in 1853, by dedicating a monument to him. Commodore Perry opened the doors of Japan to American commerce much against the will of the Japanese, but 48 years' experience has proven that it was the best day's business for Japan that it ever experienced. Uncle Sam benefits all he touches.

The boy who explodes the firecrackers should remember that the liberty he celebrates cost lives and limbs and comfort and treasure to establish. It required the revolutionary war, the war of 1812, the Mexican war and the civil war to establish the nation and make it what it is. The boys and girls should also realize that it may require the sacrifice of patriots in the future to maintain the government. The fire cracker and the Jolly are all right, but those who indulge in the festival should not forget those who died for the government of the people by the people.

Independence day comes in with the same vim, vigor and patriotism that has characterized it for the past one hundred and twenty-five years. The fact that the nation has expanded recently and added ten millions of people to the population under the flag and a vast area of territory has only served to magnify the day in the hearts of all true Americans regardless of the vapors of the Kansas City convention. He who comes under the American flag is blessed and never persecuted has liberty and not enslavement. The man who resents living under the American flag when the principles it represents are considered is unfit to enjoy the benefits of civilization.

MARCH OF THE FLAG.
Public Policy says: The march of the constitution has been proclaimed with matchless eloquence. We have now come to a point in our development when we find the flag outmarching the constitution. This momentous episode in our history has caused grave apprehensions for our future. If congress and the executive may institute governments for people in countries where the constitution is not operative, how soon will such centralized, irresponsible power assume to govern the state of the union in disregard of constitutional guarantees? This question is in the minds of many and some are inclined to make much of it. We do not share in this feeling of alarm. Congress and the executive are responsible to the American people for all their acts. The government instituted and administered by their authority, although not resting on the consent of those directly governed by them, do in fact rest on the consent of a more intelligent constituency, that of the American people. The object of every such government will clearly show its purpose by being ordained to establish justice. These governments will be better than any the people ever want they exercise authority could institute for themselves. If given absolute liberty to form a government for themselves. They will be better than would have been instituted for them by any other nation. They will teach the principles of justice which must be understood and obeyed before self-government can successfully exist. The flag may march among savages. The constitution can march only as intelligence develops. The day has come when honesty and intelligence are to be made the conditions of constitutional citizenship. The constitution will follow the flag, but not on the same line of advance.

Did you put a stamp on your check yesterday?
Few people remember a longer stretch of extremely hot weather than the present.

The Bloomington Pantograph has broken its own record. On the anniversary of their great fire they actually printed a whole lot of pictures. Up to that time pictures and illustrations except in advertisements have been religiously excluded.

Rev. Mr. Coggins is not the only one. Rev. J. N. Crutcher of the Compton Heights Christian church, St. Louis, appeared last Sunday in a clean white shirt waist, or as our fathers would say in his shirt sleeves and preached on "Fads in Religion."

At Bloomington last Sunday the crowd were about moping up the diamond with Umbre Camp. When Decatur in a gentlemanly way protested against Camp President Sexton threatened to give Decatur's franchise to Danville. What will he do with Bloomington?

Susan B. Anthony, epistler, aged 50, and over writes a learned article under the heading, "What I Would Have Done with a Bad Husband." She probably knows as much about it as an old bachelor does about how to cure a colicky baby.

The Indians are original in names if nothing more. The national party of the Chocowocow district of the Cherokee nation held a convention last Saturday. They nominated among others for members of their council John Constance and George Pumpkin. Their party ought to grow with such faithful candidates. In McLean county there is a large and highly respectable family of Pumpkins and they are no Indians either.

Cuban annexation is being agitated by the Cubans, for the Cubans in Cuba. President and Mrs. McKinley will spend the summer at their quiet home in Canton, Ohio.

July so far appears to want to show June a few additional points in parading people.

The almanac plays some queer pranks. It trowes us with the coldest May and then turns round and trowes us with the hottest June on record.

The Volunteer army was all disbanded by July 1. This was a great achievement as most of the soldiers had to be brought half around the globe to be mustered out.

The way for Cuba to get free trade with the United States for its tobacco and sugar is to come into the union. Annexation is the remedy and many of the more intelligent are urging this upon their friends.

The new plan of the Illinois Central to pension its veterans appears to work with great satisfaction. It pays for great corporations to be humane. It really seems that some of them have consciences whether they have souls or not.

In New York the experiment of freight and express street cars is being tried. This will probably prove successful in handling freight but it will not tend to lessen the congested condition of traffic on the streets. Pedestrians will be compelled to take to the tunnels and the roof.

The Globe-Democrat reminds the tariff members that "The exports of the United States are three-quarters of a billion a year larger than they were in 1895. Those funny fellows, the free-traders, want to tinker with the tariff, in order to improve the situation. Have they forgotten how they improved it between the years 1892 and 1896?"

Tomorrow will be the first 14th of July of the 20th century. The greater American can celebrate as never before. With Porto Rico, Hawaii, Guam and the Philippines participating it will be a great day. Cuba is looking longingly over the back fence and by another year may be in the tapers of patriotic rejoicing. She may be a member of the family of Uncle Sam by that time.

An Iowa paper says that "Speaker Henderson, from all accounts, had an eminently satisfactory interview with King Edward. No one need be told that he wasn't a bit shocked in the royal presence. Mr. Henderson is accustomed to kings. He has often had as many as four of them in his possession at one time. And sometimes an are in addition." If all reports are true King Edward knows something about four kings and no one himself.

The state board of agriculture says that crop conditions are more favorable than they have been for years. Wheat, oats and corn promise an enormous yield. Three weeks ago the croakers were sure that the crops were ruined by rain and cool weather. A little sunshine transforms the fields into gold.

Mr. Edward Goodman has been associated with the Standard, the leading Baptist newspaper of the northwest, for forty-eight years. The paper began as the Christian Times in 1853. Mr. Goodman had but two years of a half century as the controlling spirit of this great religious paper. On June 25 having sold his interest in the Standard Mr. Goodman retired from active service. The Standard stands among the very best religious weekly newspapers in the country. Much of the excellence of this paper has come from the labors and tolls of Edward Goodman.

Senator Butler of North Carolina chairman of the populist national committee says, he has enough of fusion with the democrats. Hereafter the populists will go it alone. They will favor public ownership of natural monopolies and drop silver with a dull sickening thump. The Bryanites can have it as their monopoly.

What has become of those new rural routes out of Decatur that were to start July 1? Has Congressman Caldwell gone fishing and left his district uncared for? Pash Warner has just bundled up and sent to Bloomington a dozen or two of these new conveniences to the farmers. It may be that Macoon county has lost much of its attractiveness to Mr. Caldwell since re-apportionment has given him other pastures in which to browse and feed his ambition. He should bear in mind that gratitude is one of the fairest flowers that blooms in the human breast. He has friends here who labored zealously for him. Some of these are republicans too. For example there is W. W. Foster meaning thereby William W. Foster. He labored for him and rejoiced over his election. He should have his reward. So long as we could not have a government building in Decatur we might at least have a rural now and then. Pash Warner does not turn his back upon McLean county merely because it is to be in another man's district next time. The Herald is loth to believe that Mr. Caldwell has neglected us or that he is ungrateful. Possibly we are left out because there are not enough rural routes to go around. At any rate there is a call for our congressman to see that this part of his district is not made to suffer by the pernicious activity of other congressmen in securing most all the cherries. He should remember that his special duty to us does not cease until March 3, 1903.

NO ILL EFFECTS
Irene Russell Suffers No Injury as a Result of the Runaway.
Little Irene Russell, who was buried in the wreck of a baby cab beneath a runaway team Tuesday evening suffered absolutely no ill effects. Wednesday morning early she was playing about the home of her parents on East Cerro Gordo street as though nothing had happened.

Clayde Lyon, who was one of the first men to reach the child after the horses fell upon the cab, said: "It seems really miraculous that the child escaped injury but the horse fell upon her in a way that protected her. She was beneath the flank of the fallen horse and for that reason there was no weight pressing upon her body. Then, too, the horse was partly against the rear end of the grocery store, so that the full weight of the horses did not bear upon the child."

With the reorganization peeling off one side of Bryanism and the opponents of the other there will be little left but Bryan and Tillman. They will be enough though to tell the tale. The Commoner will be willing to print it.

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He is Not So Cool and His Job is Not An Easy One.
There are mighty few people who would like to be the ice man right now, especially if they knew of the amount of work and worry involved in the task. He has anything but a snap. One of the big dealers said Wednesday:

"The season has been a poor one up to the last few days. Since then we have been rushed to death and the work has been very exacting. We are right now piling forty tons of ice each day and are practically working night and day. Some of the men and teams do not get through until midnight. In order to get started in time in the morning we have to get up as early as 2 o'clock, feed and hitch the horses and weigh the ice into the wagons. They go over their regular route and return about noon. Then comes the afternoon work of filling the special order, for patrons who did not order enough ice on the morning trip. This requires several men and teams. Late at night comes the work of king the Wabash passenger trains as they pass through the city. In addition to looking after the regular retail trade is the work of filling big ice boxes. Both men and horses suffer intensely from the heat and long hours. There is one mistake that the people make and that is taking too little ice. They can't be made to understand that it is economy to them to have their ice box well filled up. It costs a little more at the time, but we know that it is cheaper to them in the long run. There is no economy or satisfaction in putting a small chunk of ice in a big box. The ice melts without cooling the box. It is throwing money away."

TO THE ASYLUM.
Deputy Wilson Put Up a Job on Tomb the Crazy Man.
Wednesday Sheriff Lehman and Deputy Sheriff Wilson went to Jacksonville having in charge the man Harvey Tomba, who was declared insane on Tuesday. Tomba is violent at times and some trouble was anticipated in handling him and that was the principal reason that two men went with him. One of Tomba's delusions is that he has been robbed of vast sums of money. Deputy Wilson talked with Tomba for two or three days before the start was made, telling him that he knew where they could get a large part of the money which had been stolen. Tomba agreed to go. After arriving at Jacksonville Tomba began to suspect something and grew ugly, but before he really offered any resistance he was delivered to the asylum authorities.

How to Dodge Sunstrokes
Commissioner of Health Reynolds of Chicago says in a bulletin on "how to avoid sunstrokes":
"Do not catch perspiration, but drink what water you need to keep it up, as perspiration prevents the body from being overheated."
"When much fatigued do not go to work but be excited, especially after 11 o'clock in the morning."
"In hot weather alcoholic drinks should be avoided, and tea and coffee used sparingly. Eat light and easily digested food. Once a day is often enough to eat meat."

Business Was Good.
The bottlers during the last three days have enjoyed a big business. Nearly every local passenger train leaving Decatur in that time has received a truck load of boxes containing all kinds of soft drinks and bottled beer. The bottlers will not be sorry when the holiday is at a end. They don't object to the business but would prefer to have it come more by degrees instead of in so much of a rush.

Will Lecture.
Rev. M. E. Spayd will visit White Heath to-day and this evening he will deliver a lecture in the United Brethren church of that place. There will be a social afterward and refreshments will be served.



HOW TO ECONOMIZE.

SOME men economize so closely on the number of words in a telegram that the receiver can not understand it. This is not sensible economy. Neither is it sensible economy to ruin garments of value with cheap soap or powerful chemicals that eat into the fabric. True economy uses Ivory Soap in the laundry. It is the most of pure soap that can be sold for the money. Chemically it is as innocent as water. Yet it does everything you can ask of a soap. Try it!

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AN INDIANA SNAKE FARM

Where Snakes Are Raised For Commercial Purposes.

Indiana has, so far as known, what is claimed by its owners to be the only regularly conducted and carefully cultivated snake farm in the United States. It is not in the world says the Cincinnati Enquirer. On this farm snakes are to be raised for commercial purposes with the same care and precision as are hogs and cattle now raised on tens of thousands of farms and ranches. There are instances of snakes having been bred and raised simply as specimens, but next to go on the market like other farm products.

For two years the Wisconsin brothers living on a farm ten miles east of the city, have been experimenting with reptiles of various kinds, with a view to raising them for profit, and they are now preparing to put the results of their experiments into practice. Last year they included a two-acre tract especially prepared and devoted to the propagation of snakes, confining their breeds to four or five species, to determine which could be raised with the greatest comparative profit. The kind of snakes which they have in their ten-acre field or "farm" this year indicate that they have decided upon the common "garter" snake, and what is generally known as the "house" snake. The Messrs. Wisnams say they intend to grow the snakes for the oil which can be extracted from their bodies, and that their experiments show the two species named above the best results, being of quick growth and having short, fat bodies. They say a snake, when properly fed and cared for, will show the best results in production all within three months of age. They claim that there is a ready demand for several times as much snake oil as the world now produces.

They have now nearly four hundred snakes of the kinds mentioned, mostly all female, and expect to have several thousand of each kind before the close of the summer.

LADIES CAN WEAR SHOES

One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy; gives instant relief to corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Cures and prevents swollen feet, blisters, callous and sore spots. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for aching, hot, aching feet. At all drug stores and shoe stores, 25c. Trial package FREE by mail. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

FELL ON BAL

One Year Old Irs Under a Team away Horse

ONE HORSE WA

But the Child Was Tr Wreck Marked by C Scratch.

Three horses meeting in the sidewalk at the corner of Broadway and La Salle street, a baby carriage little child was the sight of a number of spectators at that corner about 6 o'clock last night. How the child is a mystery. The child one-year-old daughter of James Russell, 430 East street. Several other persons were injured in the collision. The child was killed on the spot.

STARTS A RUN
Ashley Onstott, the driver of the team for the Lynn Plow company, was the first to see the accident. He had a small load of wagon and when near the corner of Broadway and La Salle street fell off of the rear. Onstott stopped the team, walked back to pick it up. When he got off the wagon started for the barn, while the team attempted to stop. Onstott was thrown out of the team and into a run, going north of Cerro Gordo and I turned to the west to drive and collided with wagon and team standing. The shock of the collision wagon around and a young Haddell, who was in the on, was thrown out of the team. He was picked up but an examination failed to show serious injuries.

FALL ON THE
The Lynn team ran into and collided with the which was tied close by gored by the shock slipped walk and both horses fell of a baby carriage which standing at the rear door store. In the carriage Russell. The falling horse baby cab and to the speed as though the child had killed. A feeble voice cried, however, that the child and several men ran at a glancing horses to help. The first man to reach John Sullivan and Clyde Onstott took hold of while Sullivan pulled the side the baby was removed and bruise on the face of ed that it had been injured. Sullivan was called to attend the child, the parents believe seriously injured. The of the doctor, however, finding more serious than scratch on the face.

KILL ONE H

One of the horses was but the other lay motionless and appeared to be dead. An examination revealed that it had been killed. The animal was at the little child on the v the fact that an older pushed the baby buggy d and went inside, leaving ing out of harm's way. near the rear door of the fortunate for her that store, as it is hardly p of the children could l luckily as did the baby. stage containing the child.

AT THE PROPE

Barney Tomba Was at Sold Incess

Tuesday afternoon Barney Tomba arrested while walking country north of Blue M in jury in the county volution as to his sanity only at times. Occasion to be as sane as any n goes wandering about in all kinds of silly stuff. He was taken before a his worst. He was not talked about mysterio were being carried by and told that some of the voices had defrauded of money and had tried. The insane man has n days and when before Barney Tomba. He giv and says that it is a r illis mother, he said, afflicted with a nervous confined in a hospital. There is nothing knowa. a tramp. He will be t lum at Jacksonville.

Pleaded G

Before Judge Hannan Baylor entered a plea charge of petty larceny and costs and given the county jail. More than working for J. J. Jac Baylor disappeared and lot of rascals and other Jacobs shop. Recently tested in Springfield.

HOG TIGHT FENCE

Demand By Mr. Sutton Acts As a Bar to Opening New Road.

COMMISSIONERS GIVE IT UP

Road Was Intended to Give Direct Route to Long Creek—Would Result in New Bridge.

The opening of the proposed Clark road in the northeast part of the township will probably be abandoned by the commissioners of Decatur township after most of the property owners have agreed to the terms asked. The labor at a time spent in securing the agreement with the land owners will all be thrown away. At the time the petition was addressed to the commissioners asking for the opening of the road it was understood that all the landowners would give enough land to insure the road and the commissioners expected to trouble in having the road opened and ready for traffic by the fall, but up to the present time work has not begun on the actual opening and Commissioner Amman stated that the attempt would be abandoned.

The commissioners had the necessary survey of the proposed road made and as the law required set a time for meeting with the land owners to decide on damages. But for some time one of the land owners began to bring back and the meeting had to be postponed from time to time and it was not until a week ago that the last man agreed to do what was asked by the commissioners. He had Sutton, who owns a frontage of an eighth-acre tract, was slow coming to the front, but one day last week he finally signed a contract to give to the township fifty feet along his frontage on the condition that the commissioners would erect a "hog tight" fence. A hog tight fence is one that will keep stock off the highway and it is usually considered a four wire fence to cover the requirements. That was the kind of a fence which the commissioners had expected to build along the roadside where they agreed to build a fence.

At a meeting of the commissioners Saturday Richard Sutton presented a communication stating that he would require a "hog tight" fence providing the township accepted the land offered by him. That put a new phase on the matter and after some discussion among the commissioners it was decided to let the matter drop, as it seemed impracticable at the present time to have the land owners get together on terms. In the strict sense of the law the time for setting on damages with the land owner has passed and if any complications should arise the matter could be contested on that ground and for that reason the commissioners decided to let the matter rest.

Now if the land owners want the road opened they will have to begin all over again and file a petition with the commissioners asking for the opening of the road. The proposed road was to be an extension of the road leading northeast of the city. The new portion was to extend directly east to the Sangamon river and then run with a road to be opened by the common owners of Long Creek township. A road was planned to cross a new bridge over the river. The new road would have been a great advantage and a convenience to the farmers residing in that part of the county, as it would give a direct route from Long Creek to Decatur.

The distance in the cost of building what is called a "hog tight" fence and a hog tight fence is considerable and the commissioners did not feel like paying that much for the fence. A hog tight fence means eight or ten strands would cost in the neighborhood of \$10 while a "hog tight" fence of the kind demanded by Sutton would cost about \$125.

GETS WHAT HE EARNS.
The Negro Enjoys Opportunities—Takes Advantage of Them.

There is no question but that great importance that cannot be solved by the very simplest of processes, says the Washington Post. We have only to treat the negro under certain rules of discipline, which is all that is required of our civilization and pay no further attention to them as negroes. Who should we concern ourselves about the negroes more than about the Swedes, the Malays, the Germans, the Russians or the Portuguese? Why should they be segregated and set apart as a specially favored people? It is true that for two or three centuries they were slaves, but they have been free for four centuries, and during that period they have enjoyed the same privileges of education and opportunities of improvement that have been offered to the whites. It is a fact, indeed, that more than half of the negro population of the United States are now free, and that a disproportionate number of them are now in the professions and in the business of the country. They make the negro question themselves with an immoderate and dangerous demand for what is called "segregation."

LADIES CAN WEAR SHOES

The state owes nothing to the negro more than to any other citizen, that is to say, it owes protection of his life and property, equal rights before the law, equal facilities of education. We do not appreciate on the contrary, we deplore and denounce the exclusion of the negro from the ballot box merely because of his race and color. In our opinion the illiterate, shiftless and irresponsible negro is a menace to the state.

You may as well expect to run a steam engine without water as to find an active, energetic man who is a torpid liver and you may know that his liver is torpid when he does not relish his food or feels dull and languid after eating, often has headache and sometimes dizziness. A few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will restore his liver to its normal functions, renew his vitality, improve his digestion and make him feel like a new man. Price 25 cents. Samples free at your drug store.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
David N. Rose, Decatur 20
Maudie Grier, Decatur 19
Stephen Maddox, Mt. Zion 40
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Tells How He Murdered Ryburn—Claims Self Defense.

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Read it in His Newspaper.

George Schuch, a well known German citizen of New Lebanon, Ohio, is a constant reader of the Decatur Herald. It is known that this paper aims to give the best of the news to its readers, and when he saw Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised therein for some time, he did not hesitate in buying a bottle of it for his wife, who for eight weeks had suffered with the most terrible pains in her back and could get no relief. He says: After using the Pain Balm for a few days my wife said to me, "I feel as though I were new," and before using the entire contents of the bottle the unbearable pains had entirely vanished and she could again take up her household duties." He is very thankful and hopes that all suffering likewise will hear of her wonderful recovery. This valuable treatment is for sale by all druggists.

Result of the Storm.

Reports of the damage done by the recent storm in the south west part of the county keep coming to the city every day. William A. Gouge, a farmer residing two and a half miles south east of Hartsville had three valuable horses killed by lightning during the storm on the afternoon of the fourth. The horses were in a timber pasture and at the time they were killed were standing in a row near a barn which was and all fell so close together that they touched each other as they lay on the ground. The land was much more heavy in that part of the county than was known generally. Commodore Hall returned from that vicinity last night where he put in fifty right pines of glass in the barn and residence on the McMillan farm one mile west of Wyckles.

TO THE GULF.

About a month ago myself and my wife went on a boat excursion down the Mississippi river to the Gulf of Mexico, a distance of 90 miles. After the first few miles there was very little of interest. We saw vast stretches of waste marsh land covered with water, wet weather grasses, and a few trees. We saw an occasional alligator and a number of porpoises, which the boys took a shot at but they didn't waste any ammunition on the porpoises. Most of the crowd had a great time bathing in the Gulf and all were blistered with sunburn. The Sacramento river passes through four shallow lakes varying in width from one to 20 miles and in length from two to 12 miles. The river itself is very deep, 40 to 60 feet. It is not unusual to see a man with his clothes wet and muddily from wading in the water while tending his boys.

My boy was over south of Crowley last week and saw a large alligator. He and the other boys of Allenboro, have good prospects and plenty of water.

J. M. Portwood

My Little Son Had a Cough

My little son had a cough, a whooping cough and was threatened with pneumonia, but for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy we would have had a serious time of it. It also saved him from several severe attacks of croup. —H. J. STUCKERMAN, editor World Herald, Fair Haven, Wash. For sale by all druggists.

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